

### 137.6 Powers of local boards.

1. Local boards shall have powers to do the following:

a. Enforce state health laws and the rules and lawful orders of the state department.

b. (1) Make and enforce such reasonable rules and regulations not inconsistent with law or with the rules of the state board as may be necessary for the protection and improvement of the public health.

(a) Rules of a county board shall become effective upon approval by the county board of supervisors by a motion or resolution as defined in [section 331.101, subsection 13](#), and publication in a newspaper having general circulation in the county.

(b) Rules of a city board shall become effective upon approval by the city council and publication in a newspaper having general circulation in the city.

(c) Rules of a district board shall become effective upon approval by the district board and publication in a newspaper having general circulation in the district.

(2) Before approving any rule or regulation the local board of health shall hold a public hearing on the proposed rule. Any citizen may appear and be heard at the public hearing. A notice of the public hearing, stating the time and place and the general nature of the proposed rule or regulation, shall be published as provided in [section 331.305](#) in the area served by the board. The board shall also make a reasonable effort to give notice of the hearing to the communications media located within said area.

c. Employ persons as necessary for the efficient discharge of its duties. Employment practices shall meet the requirements of [chapter 8A, subchapter IV](#), or any civil service provision adopted under [chapter 400](#).

d. Provide reports of its operations and activities to the state department as may be required by the director.

2. A local board may, by agreement with the council of any city within its jurisdiction, enforce appropriate ordinances of the city.

[C73, §415, 417, 418; C97, §2568, 2571, 2572; S13, §2571-b, 2572; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §2234, 2235; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, §137.7, 137.8; C71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §137.6]

83 Acts, ch 101, §20; 87 Acts, ch 43, §4; 97 Acts, ch 28, §9; 2003 Acts, ch 145, §189; 2006 Acts, ch 1184, §84; 2009 Acts, ch 133, §197

Referred to in [§137.13](#)